

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2542 – HB 3853

February 22, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that in counties and municipalities that have adopted a building code, 25 percent of private dwellings and 100 percent of rental dwelling units designated for individuals over the age of 55 must meet certain accessibility requirements and must be certified by the county or municipal building code commission. These requirements do not apply to any nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or other residential facilities licensed by the board of licensing health care facilities or to public housing.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$50,000

Increase Local Expenditures* – Exceeds \$603,000

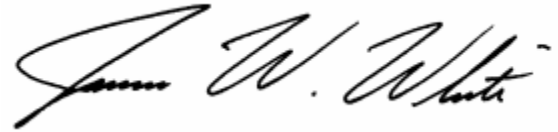
Assumptions:

- This bill will govern private developers, but local government expenditures will increase because of enforcement costs.
- This bill exempts nursing homes and will no effect on federal or state monies.
- Local government revenue will increase at least \$50,000 from fees collected for inspections, building permits, etc.
- Approximately 295 local governments have adopted building codes. At least 15 of these local governments will be required to hire an additional inspector at a salary of \$30,000 and benefits of 34 percent, for a total compensation of \$40,200. Local government expenditures will increase at least \$603,000 ($15 \times \$40,200 = \$603,000$).

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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